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### ARGUMENT BY EPITHET

There is a general habit in the United States, whenever people cannot answer the arguments of an individual, to put an end to the discussion by applying some epithet to the individual.

Despite the fact that we claim we want peace in the world and that we are anxious to avoid war with Russia, or anybody else, any intelligent action by a statesman of this country, or our allies, seeking to find a source of agreement with the Communists, is immediately labeled "appeasement" and the individual is denounced as an "appeaser."

This is a foolish habit because the application of an epithet does not destroy the logic advanced by an individual in support of a proposed course of action. In the effort to avoid war and to develop good relations with other peoples regardless of their political and economic theories, it is necessary for the free countries to make concessions on minor matters. This process of adjustment should not be misunderstood or considered appeasement.

The world has too much to suffer from another global war to permit such a catastrophe to occur if it can be avoided by any reasonable and honorable means. We should support statesmen who seek the means of escaping the dire penalties of another world war.

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### ON TEACHING HISTORY

There are several states which, by legislation, require all public schools and other educational institutions supported by public funds, to teach United States history, and the principles of representative government.

While it is obvious that the teaching of history varies in many respects, dependent upon the attitude of the instructors and the quality of the texts and material used, there is much in favor of requiring that the history of our nation be studied.

The purpose of instructing pupils in the history of this country is to enable them to be effective, responsible and intelligent citizens.

Great care should be exercised in seeing that the full American story is adequately presented to the oncoming generation.

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### BERLIN — KEY TEST

The United States is faced with an open challenge of its rights in Berlin and there can be no question of backing down.

There are those who have found fault with the foreign policy of this nation in times past. Now we must stand united, and firm as to Berlin. There time will doubtless come when we will remove our troops from West Berlin. But it will be *our* decision, jointly with our allies and the people of West Berlin and West Germany.

One thing for the American people to realize, is that in event the Communists want to start a war, they can always dig up an excuse, and that our action on Berlin should stand on its own soundness, not on fear or pressure of what Russia might do.

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### DODD ON WAR

Senator Thomas J. Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat, has warned that the Soviet Union may trigger a war over Berlin and he has urged, in a Senate speech, that this country inaugurate a ninety-day crash program to alert the nation to whatever is in store for it.

We agree with Dodd that the American people are not mentally prepared for what may face them, eventually. We do not feel that the danger of war in the next few months is great, in spite of the Berlin crisis. We recall the crisis over Quemoy and Matsu, when things looked very dark—and yet the situation cleared, at least temporarily.

On the other hand, the news which is most disturbing to foreign policy experts is the news of the tremendous progress being made in the Soviet Union. The progress encompasses a number of fields, including science, education, music, theater, athletics, the armed forces, etc.

In many vital programs, the Soviet Union is rapidly forging to the forefront. America must take every possible step to keep strong, on the wide variety of fronts which go to make up a modern nation.

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It is surprising how people can be manipulated by the dollar.

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**Devotional Reading:** I Corinthians 1:18-25.

## The Cross

**Lesson for March 22, 1959**

IN A POPULAR novel of some years ago, dealing with the time of Jesus and afterwards, the Roman officer who had to crucify Jesus is represented as being quite shocked by the whole idea, having seldom if ever seen a crucifixion. This is a historical slip on the author's part; for in the Roman world a far more brutal one than ours, fatal floggings and crucifixions were pretty common affairs. They were so common, in fact, that although we have four gospels each telling about the crucifixion of Jesus, not one gives any details at all about the actual crucifixion itself. Such details were not necessary; most readers of the gospels in those days had seen such things and did not need to be reminded.

Dr. Foreman

**On the Cross**

What was extraordinary there on Calvary was not the cross itself. There where three in use that one morning; the one on which Jesus died had very likely been used before and would be used again. They do not nowadays make the electric chair over for every new criminal.

No, the extraordinary thing was not the cross, as ugly an instrument of torture as ever seared the eye of man. What the gospels take more pains in describing was what happened on the cross. No two of the gospels tell precisely the same story, though they do not contradict one another. Luke's story has been selected for this week's study. Consider a few facts that Luke's story high-lights. First is that an innocent man hung on that central cross. That he died between two sandits only brings out more strongly his own innocence.

Furthermore, it is extraordinary that this Jesus made no complaints about having been "framed" as many an innocent man in his place would have done. Jesus' mind was filled with the thoughts of others rather than himself. The reader will find it revealing to read these stories of Christ's death carefully.

**Through the Cross**

If you did not already know otherwise, you might think that as time went on, people who adored Jesus would prefer to forget that bitter ending of his life on the cross. Quite the contrary. Christians have always gone to some trouble to remember it. Every time we observe Communion we are proclaiming the Lord's death. The communion table in many a church has carved around it the words "In Rememberance of Me." But what holds the church's mind and heart is not merely the historical fact, that a certain teacher named Jesus was unjustly executed on criminal charges. The church believes that through the cross we have God's forgiveness. We believe that this was not a merely human tragedy. We believe that this was actually the suffering of God on our behalf and in our place; that the self-giving, dedicated, forgiving spirit of Christ is a revelation of God's own heart. Browning put it very simply: "Thou must love Me, who have died for thee."

**At the Cross**

But there are two ways of believing this. One is the belief of admiration. What wonderful love this is, that the godly should die for the ungodly, the innocent for the guilty; that God should offer up his own son "for us all!" We can stand at a distance and admire the sacrifice . . . and get no good from it at all. We have to stand at the Cross, we have to believe in a more personal way than the way of admiration. The same Saint Paul who wrote that God gave up his own Son for us all, put it much more personally when he wrote, "I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20.) Standing at the Cross, as no one can do for another but each one for himself, and you for yourself—standing there we see ourselves in a new way, we are forced to see that we are the same kind of people as put Jesus on that cross, we are sinners. We see God in a new way—we see him dealing with sin in a new way, taking the effects of it upon himself. And looking from the Cross, we see other men too, as brothers for whom Christ died.

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Poland announces new incentives for settlers.

## Washington Notes

**Payroll Reduction Urged**

Reporting that the Federal civilian payroll now runs more than a billion dollars a month, Senator Byrd (D., Va.) has recommended a cutback of 150,000 in the number of empoyees

"It could be accomplished without impairment of a single essential function," Byrd said in a recent statement. He noted that such a cut would "be little more than 6 per cent"

**Brown In Key Role?**

The Democratic party's decision to hold its 1960 convention in Los Angeles appears likely to move California's Gov. Edmund G. Brown into a kingmaker role in the Presidential nominating contest.

The final decision, opposed by committee members from four States with potential candidates for the nomination, puts Brown in a favorable position to exert influence on the choice of the 1960 nominee.

**New Bill Introduced**

A $179,000,000 atomic energy bill has been introduced in Congress. It would authorize $115,500,000 for atomic projects, $49,500,000 for experimental reactors and $14,000,000 for Euratom cooperation.

Representative Dinsham (D., N. C.) and Senator Anderson (D., N. M.) introduced the bill for the next fiscal year at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission.

**Neuberger Seeks Funds**

How high can a dam be built without jeopordizing fish migrations?

Senator Neubberger (D., Ore.) has announced that he will seek a $700,000 appropriation to finance a study aimed at answering that question.

Recent studies indicate, he said, that only ten years remain "to find the answers on how high dams can be built without dooming migratory salmon and steelhead."

**National Listing Proposed**

The Federal Government has a plan to catch the driver who loses his license in one state but continues to drive on another state's license.

In a report to Congress, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Public Roads proposes to establish a national clearing house in a Federal agency that would list the names of drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked.

### KNOW THE WEATHER

By E .H. Sims

What is frost? Can it occur when the temperature is above thirty-two degrees?

Frost is nothing but frozen dew and, naturally, dew will not freeze until the freezing point is reached, —thirty-two degrees. So it has to be freezing to produce frost.

What confuses most people on this point is the fact that the temperature has to touch thirty-two degrees only briefly to freeze the minute water particles on the blades of grass, etc. The frost might last on hour or two — and be visible in shady areas long after the temperature reading is above freezing — but you can be sure that it dropped to at least thirty-two when you see frost.

### NEW BOOKS IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

After The Glory
by Helen Topping Miller

This is a stirring tale of the defeat and rebirth of a family, following the War Between the States. A conflict of loyalty underlies this story of how each of the people of East Tennessee came to the war to face the knowledge of defeat.

The First Easter
by Peter Marshall, edited by Catherine Marshall).

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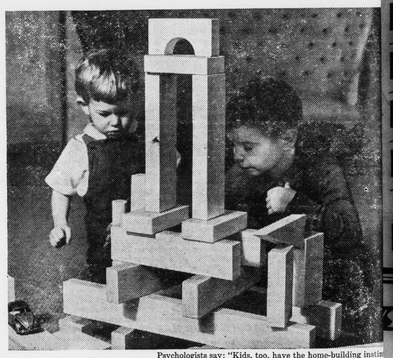

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## Buckingham

Buckingham, March 17.- Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, of Richmond, spent several days last week with her father, Mrs. C. A. Moore.

Mr. Garland Harding, Mrs. Herman Harding, Mrs. J. I. Moore, Mrs. Sidney Moore, Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Mr. Raymond Hamilton, Miss Frances Hamilton, Mrs. S. G. Martin and David Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore and family and Mrs. C. A. Moore during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays visited Mr. Hazel Campbell on Sunday afternoon. He had the misfortune to break a hip last week.

Mrs. J. I. Moore, Mrs. Herman Harding and Mr. Garland Harding visited Mrs. Mary Burge and family and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Burge and family visited Mr .and Mrs. C. E. Burge and family, Mrs. A. S. Wallace and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geiger, of Hopewell, Sunday.

Miss Eunice Martin underwent surgery on her hand in Lynchburg General Hospital on Saturday. She returned home on Sunday afternoon. Visiting her on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris, Mrs .Howlett Drinkard, Mrs. Clifton Drinkard, Mr. R .B. Martin, Mrs. Robert Morris, Rev. Aaron Smith, and Mrs. S. G .Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck and family on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. R. Moore, Mrs . Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo visited Miss Eunice Martin Monday.


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## FARM NEWS

By Jim Smith, County Agent

**Pine Sawfly Survey**

The pime sawfly survey being made by foresters and entomologists of the Virginia Division of Forestry and VPI Agricultural Extension Service indicates that damage to pine trees may be more serious this spring than last.

Last year heavy sawfly damage was confined to two areas in the Piedmont. Sawfly activity has now extended beyond the boundaries of last year's outbreak. This activity has been reported in many Piedmont and coastal plain counties, where there was little or no damage last year.

The Virginia Pine Sawfly Committee has asked sawmill operators and timber cutters to cooperate in collecting sample branches from pine trees in areas where they are harvesting timber. Samples from many additional areas will be very helpful to the foresters in making their final survey. Samples should be collected within the next three weeks to be of most help.

The tip of two branches are collected from the middle portions of several trees in each area of cutting. They should be taken to a county fire warden or to a county agent's office for inspection.

Landowners who have not already collected samples from their woodlands are also asked to take sample branches to their county agent or to a local fire warden.

The pine sawfly larvae which hatches out in the middle of April will not kill the trees but they will slow up the tree growth and leave the trees in a run-down condition.

**Beef Feeding Tips**
**Listed By Specialist**

Beef cattle in Virginia have "wintered well."

Curtis Mast, animal husbandman for the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, says that never before have Virginia cattle come through in such fine condition, both cow herds and steers.

Now, however, there is the perennial problem of getting the cattle to eat during the last three weeks or so before the grass is high enough to graze. Whatever you do, Mast advises, don't let the cattle lose weight running around over the pasture looking for grass. Put them in a dry lot, or in a very small field which has a little grass in it. They will then keep on eating plenty of winter feed until the grass is ready.

It's also time to select the heifer calves you are going to save this fall .Keep the heifer calves from the cows which have done the best job in the herd. Sort them out when they are right age and vaccinate them for Bangs disease. Don't save any heifers for replacements except the very best ones. Cull out the cows which are poor milkers, calve late, or have some physical defects.

Mast also reminds steer grazers that one 12 mg. stilbestrol implant used at turning-out time will mean about 35 extra pounds of gain during the grazing season. Don't give a larger dose, or you'll run the danger of side effects and lower quality.

**Suffragette Reaches 100**

London.- Maria Knill, one of the suffragettes who was chained to the railings of Buckingham Palace during the campaign to get the vote for women at the turn of the century, celebrated her one hundredth birthday last month. "I've had a full life and I have no regrets," she said.

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## Spout Spring

Spout Spring, March 17.- Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary Sunday.

Donna Ferguson is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr and Mrs. James Wright and daughter, of Madison Heights visited her parents, Mr and Mrs. Edell Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cyrus and daughter, Cindy, of Lynchburg, were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds.

Those who visited Mrs. Juddy Glover during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene and Mrs. Anne Anderson and daughter, Audrey Lee, of Farmville, and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen, of Lynchburg; Mrs. T .D. Harris, and three children, of Pamplin. The occasion was celebrating Mrs. Roy M. Tolley's birthday.

Mrs. Juddy Gloven, Mrs. Anne Anderson and daughter, Audrey Lee were supper guests of Mr . and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and family, of Lynchburg Monday night.

Mrs. Dave Cyrus, who has been on the sick list, is better at this writing.

Lions Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce have plans to hold a home show May 30.

Easter Sunday comes on March 29 this year.


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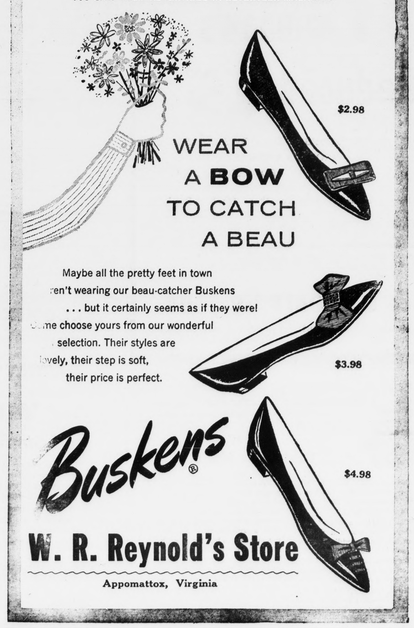


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